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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier.

1. (Original) An indicator for indicating the location of a device beneath a layer of a substantially flowable material, the indicator comprising:

a base defining a generally central opening and a supportive geometry with a bottom surface, at least a portion of the bottom surface being generally planar; and

a plurality of generally resilient strands accommodated by the base opening in an operatively generally vertical orientation, said plurality of resilient strands returning to said generally vertical orientation when forced away therefrom by the substantially flowable material or by tools used to finish a surface of the substantially flowable material.

2. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a substantially flowable material over a site, the method comprising:

positioning an indicator base atop a generally horizontal surface, the generally horizontal surface coincident to the site or proximate the site, the indicator base positioned such that a resilient indicator element is disposed generally transversely to the indicator base and in a generally vertical orientation;

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adhering the indicator base to the horizontal surface;
applying a layer of the flowable material over the site; and
forming the layer of flowable material to a desired depth proximate the site.

3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising forming the layer of flowable material to a contour proximate the site.

4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, in which the indicator base is integral to the indicator element, in which each of the indicator base and the indicator element includes at least three bundles of substantially resilient strands, the method further comprising equidistantly spacing portions of each of said bundles.

5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, in which the indicator base defines an opening, the indicator element extending generally vertically through the opening.

6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, in which the indicator base is adhered to the surface with tape.

7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, in which the indicator base is adhered to the surface by contacting a base adhesive layer to the surface.

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8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, further comprising removing a protective layer disposed over the base adhesive layer.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, in which the indicator base and the indicator element comprise a plurality of bundles, each of said plurality of bundles bent to define a first portion and a second portion, the method further comprising separating the first portions of each of the bundles.

10. (Original) An indicator conforming to a generally horizontal surface, comprising:

a horizontal element; and
a vertical element disposable generally transversely through an opening in
the horizontal element and comprising a plurality of generally resilient strands.

11. (Original) The indicator of claim 10, the horizontal element further comprising an adhesive.

12. (Original) The indicator of claim 11, in which the adhesive is a length of tape.

13. (Original) The indicator of claim 11, in which the adhesive is disposed in an adhesive layer, the adhesive layer affixed to a base of the horizontal element.

14. (Original) The indicator of claim 13, the horizontal element further comprising a release layer disposed over the adhesive layer.

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15. (Original) The method of claim 10, in which the horizontal element is formed separately from the vertical clement.

16. (Original) The indicator of claim 10, in which both the horizontal element and the vertical element integrally comprise said plurality of substantially resilient strands.

17. (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing an indicator, comprising:
bundling a plurality of generally resilient strands together thereby forming
an indicator element; and
defining an opening in a base, the opening accommodating the bundled
plurality of strands therethrough, the base having a lower side conformable to a
generally horizontal surface.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17, in which the bundled strands comprise polypropylene.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17, in which the base comprises a plurality of legs extending from a center.